

September 7, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* in WC Docket No. 02-6

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation on Tuesday, Sept. 5 concerning the appeal by Farmington, NM regarding its E-rate special construction application.

Mr. Charles Thacker and the undersigned discussed the merits of Farmington's application for E-rate funding to support the deployment of a self-provisioned fiber network covering several schools in northwestern New Mexico. According to Mr. Thacker, Farmington chose the most cost-effective option to provide service to the schools in the district, as proven by the fact that Farmington has since decided to build the network using its own funding even if it is not able to obtain E-rate support. USAC denied Farmington's application as not cost-effective even though the other bidders submitted proposals that did not meet the district's requirements and the other bidders proposed a fiber build plan that was unrealistic and did not recognize the unique geographical area covered by the proposed fiber build. Mr. Thacker presented these arguments to the following individuals (they have been sent a courtesy copy of this letter):

Mark Stephens, Managing Director, Office of Managing Director (OMD)
Deena Shetler, Acting Deputy Managing Director, OMD
Cara Voth, Managing Director's Office
D'wana Terry, Associate Bureau Chief, WCB
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Sincerely,



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